

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting,

COMMUNICATION COMPANY OF SOUTH BEND

Commissioner Faust received a quote from Communication Company of South Bend for \$500 to inspect the fire system at the old jail which is required by law. Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve paying the \$500 out of Cum Courthouse. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT

John Powell, IT Director, informed the Board that the boiler is in place and hooking it up will take place this next weekend. Mr. Powell will be meeting with the electrician and Jacob Bowman to make sure everything is in place to get it hooked up.

TRESURER

Becky Morris, Treasurer, informed the Board that the tax collection is down considerably even though the County has a current collection rate of 93.4%. She also told them that she has spoken with Bill Friend, Representative about the effects of the caps. Mrs. Morris also spoke with Representative Friend regarding being able to work with people whose homes are up for tax sale. Currently, she can help by letting someone make payments but cannot take them out of the tax sale, but if someone is making their payments she would like to be able to take the property out of tax sale.

The Treasurer passed out information concerning the payment for the new machine located in her office. The payments are to be made by the Treasurer, Assessor and Solid Waste. Commissioner Francis said it might be possible for Solid Waste to pay \$6,000 - \$6,500. The Treasurer said it was possible that other offices might be able to use the machine as well. Pitney Bowes has been to make some adjustments on the machine and has spoken to the Treasurer about working with the Post Office to get a manifest which will help.

Commissioner Faust stated that an employee of the Treasurer's office has been continuously going to the Auditor's office to get information and he asked the Treasurer that if her office needed information from the Auditor's office, if she as the Department head would talk with the Department head of that office to get the information to try to cut down on confusion and hard feeling. Mrs. Morris stated that the Public Access law doesn't work that way and Commissioner Faust said he wasn't talking about the Public Access request.

The Treasurer did want to mention that she was disappointed with the Miami County Council regarding the failure to pass the ERA area for Von Liche Kennels which would in turn create approximately 80 jobs. Commissioner Chairman Boyer stated that he did not blame the Council, he felt like MCEDA did not do their job when presenting it. Mrs. Morris is not sure that made a difference.

Mrs. Morris also gave the Board a packet of information because she heard that the Board of Commissioners made the recommendation to the Council to cut the staff in her office.

INSURANCE

Mike Saine made a request to have a meeting with the insurance committee to go over some new information he has gathered.

EMA

Kris Marks informed the Board that there will be an exercise at Grissom next Tuesday.

Mr. Marks also informed the Board that he has received a letter for jury duty January 2012 through March of 2012.

HIGHWAY BIDS

The Board of Commissioners opened the bids for the Highway department and they were read by Commissioner Francis. Janice Clemons of the Highway department recorded the bids. Commissioner Faust made a motion to take the bids under advisement and award next Monday, November 28th. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BRIDGE 152

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, went over the bids for the project and the low bid was submitted by R.A. Meyers. Mr. Einselen received favorable comments regarding R.A. Meyers and recommends the Board of Commissioners accept their bid of \$283,473.48. Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept Ken's recommendation and award the bid to R. A. Meyers. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

Dave Quick, Rural Transit, turned in a voucher for stimulus money. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the voucher. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Boyer asked Mr. Quick where they were with the bad soil results. Mr. Quick will check with the civil engineer and architect.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

The Board received notification from INDOT that the County needs to have an ADA plan in place to receive federal monies. They will be having a workshop in December to help counties become compliant. Commissioner Faust made a motion to send Mr. Einselen to the workshop. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 1:30. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes from November 7th. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes from November 14th. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING AGREEMENT

Commissioner Faust made a motion to accept and sign a written agreement between William Gornto and the Board of Commissioner for building inspections and zoning until the position can be filled for the County. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT

John Powell presented information to the Board about the cost of replacing the Risograph machine.

The Board thanked Mr. Powell and Mr. Evans for all the work they did to get the wiring switched over.

SUPPLY REQUEST

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the supply request. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Board worked with County Attorney Pat Roberts on the new Personnel Policy.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley